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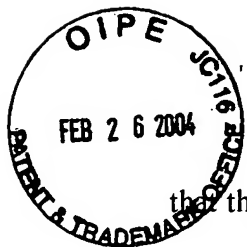
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German Patent No. DE19736470 (family of European Patent Application No. EP1034450) dated March 4, 1999, is cited and discussed at Page 3, Line 9 of the specification.

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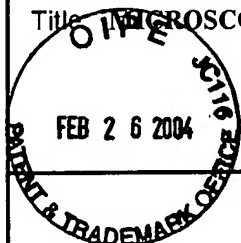
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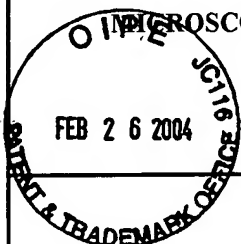
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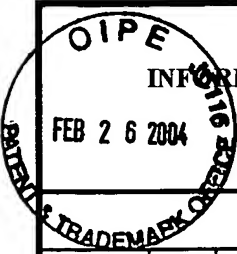
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		WO 99/53357	10/21/1999	WO				
		DE 10154843	05/28/2003	DE				✓
		DE 19905490	08/17/2000	DE				✓
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